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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID OGEN

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS FINANCING

REF: CARACAS 5404

1. DURING A CALL MAY 29, I RAISED THE PEACE CORPS QUESTION WITH MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ. I ALSO LEFT FOR HIM AN INFORMAL PIECE OF PAPER ON THE PEACE CORPS PRESENCE HERE, THE SCHEDULED TRAINING GROUPS FOR FY 76 AND THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION WE ARE SEEKING.

2. RODRIGUEZ SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH HIS PEOPLE IN "TECHNICAL COOPERATION" AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE IN A POSITION BEFORE TOO LONG TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH ME IN DEPTH. THE MINISTER SEEMED TO HAVE IN MIND A REVIEW OF PLANNED PC ACTIVITIES IN THE CONTEXT OF CORDIPLAN'S PRIORITIES. HE SAID THAT WHAT WAS NEEDED WAS A LONG-TERM APPROACH UNDER WHICH THE PEACE CORPS WOULD FIT INTO CORDIPLAN'S OVERALL DESIGN FOR BRINGING IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ABROAD. FOR SOME REASON NOT IMMEDIATELY APPARENT TO ME, THE MINISTER WAS RATHER ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF PC WORK IN HOME ECONOMICS. HE DID NOT SEEM SO FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE OTHER AREAS OF PROJECTED ACTIVITY. RODRIGUEZ UNDERSTOOD THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE JULY TRAINING GROUP.

3. IT IS EARLY TO SAY HOW THIS WILL PLAY OUT BUT WE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH A FAIR DEGREE OF PERSISTENCE IF CORDIPLAN IS TO FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM. (NO ONE HERE IS JUGGLING MORE BALLS THAN RODRIGUEZ.) I AM NOT SURE AT THIS POINT WHETHER THE PEACE CORPS COULD IN FACT FIT INTO CORDIPLAN'S GRAND DESIGN.

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RODRIGUEZ MAY HAVE IN MIND THE KIND OF ARRANGEMENT HE HAS WORKED OUT WITH THE FRENCH IN WHICH VOLUNTEERS OCCUPY EXISTING

POSITIONS IN THE MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES.

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